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1 **CLAIMS:**

2 What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for selecting classes using a browser for  
2 use by a virtual machine in a data processing system, the  
3 method comprising:  
4 providing through the browser, an interface in which  
5 the interface allows for selection of classes for use by  
6 the virtual machine;  
7 receiving a selection of classes through the  
8 interface; and  
9 storing the selection of classes, wherein the  
10 selection of classes is used by the browser when  
11 initializing the virtual machine.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface is a  
2 graphical user interface.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual machine  
2 is a Java virtual machine.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 using the selection of the classes to initialize the  
3 virtual machine.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing  
2 the selection of classes comprises storing the selection  
3 of classes in a user profile.

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1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of  
2 classes is a class path.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of  
2 classes causes a class path to be appended a system class  
3 path.

1 8. A method for selecting classes for use by a Java  
2 virtual machine associated with a browser, the method  
3 comprising:

4 displaying a graphical user interface in which a  
5 classpath may be selected to define classes for use with  
6 the Java virtual machine;

7 receiving a selection of the classpath from the  
8 graphical user interface;

9 storing the selection of the classpath; and

10 initializing the Java virtual machine using the  
11 selection of the class path.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the selection of the  
2 classpath appends the classpath to a system classpath.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the system class path  
2 has an end and wherein the classpath is appended to the  
3 end of the system classpath.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the system classpath  
2 has a beginning and wherein the classpath is appended to  
3 a beginning of the system classpath.

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1 12. A data processing system for selecting classes using  
2 a browser for use by a virtual machine in the data  
3 processing system, the data processing system comprising:  
4 providing means for providing through the browser an  
5 interface in which the interface allows for selection of  
6 classes for use by the virtual machine;  
7 receiving means for receiving a selection of classes  
8 through the interface; and  
9 storing means for storing the selection of classes,  
10 wherein the selection of classes is used by the browser  
11 when initializing the virtual machine.

1 13. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the  
2 interface is a graphical user interface.

1 14. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the  
2 virtual machine is a Java virtual machine.

1 15. The data processing system of claim 12 further  
2 comprising:  
3 means for using the selection of the classes to  
4 initialize the virtual machine.

1 16. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the  
2 step of storing the selection of classes comprises  
3 storing the selection of classes in a user profile.

1 17. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the  
2 selection of classes is a classpath.

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1 18. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the  
2 selection of classes causes a classpath to be appended a  
3 system class path.

1 19. A computer program product in a computer readable  
2 medium for selecting classes for use by a Java virtual  
3 machine associated with a browser, the computer program  
4 product comprising:

5 first instructions for displaying a graphical user  
6 interface in which a classpath may be selected to define  
7 classes for use with the Java virtual machine;

8 second instructions for receiving a selection of the  
9 classpath from the graphical user interface;

10 third instructions for storing the selection of the  
11 classpath; and

12 fourth instructions for initializing the Java  
13 virtual machine using the selection of the classpath.

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